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Notification of jaggery as a commercial crop in South Arcot district.

* 913 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to notify jaggery as a commercial crop under section 3 of the Madras Commercial Crops Market Act, 1933, in the South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There is no such proposal before the Government at present. The Government are advised that jaggery cannot be notified as a commercial crop under the Madras Commercial Crops Market Act."

8-50 a.m. SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Are the Government aware of the widespread malpractices indulged in by merchants engaged in jaggery trade and will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what the difficulty is in notifying jaggery as a commercial crop under the Madras Commercial Crops Market Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It is quite obvious that jaggery is not a crop but a product of a crop and therefore it cannot come under the Commercial Crops Market Act."

Issue of licences to the " Neera " tappers in Salem.

* 914 *Q.*—SRI T. S. ARDHANARI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of licences given to the ' Neera ' tappers in 1953 and the number of applicants for licences in the Salem district; and

(*b*) the number of cases of prosecution for unlicensed neera tapping in Salem district in 1953?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Licences for tapping ' Neera ' for consumption as beverage are not issued in this district. Licences for tapping sweet toddy from palmyrah trees for manufacture of jaggery are issued for the period commencing from 1st October to 30th September of each year. The number of licences issued for the period 1st October 1952 to 30th September 1953 is 11,260 in this district. The number of licences issued from 1st October 1953 to the end of February 1954 is 13,007.

" (*b*) The number of cases of prosecution for unlicensed neera tapping during 1953 is 482."

SRI T. S. ARDHANARI :—" பதனி இறக்கும் தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு காலாகாலத்தில் சர்க்கார் லைசென்ஸ் கொடுக்காததின் காரணமாக அவர்களுக்கு லைசென்ஸ் இல்லாமலேயே மரம் ஏறக்கூடிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டுவிட்டது என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In certain cases, there might have been some delay, but generally in almost all cases, licences have been issued in time."

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SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—"கைதி செய்யப்பட்ட மரமேறிகளில் எத்தனை பேருக்கு அபராதம் விதிக்கப்பட்டது? எத்தனை பேருக்கு சிறை தண்டனை விதிக்கப்பட்டது?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Just a few minutes back, the Hon. Minister said that thousands of people were patronising the neera parlour last year. In view of that fact, will the Government undertake a State-wide campaign to popularise this beverage of neera and incidentally give employment to ex-toddy tappers?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government will consider the suggestion."

Market for hides and skins in Madras.

* 915 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken to bring to Madras the market for hides and skins ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government of India have been addressed in the matter."

Inoculation against cholera during " Kanduri Festival " at Nagore, Tanjore district.

* 916 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri N. Sivaraj) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many people were inoculated as a precaution against cholera during ' Kanduri Festival ' at Nagore in Tanjore district during 1954 ; and

(*b*) how many vaccinators were engaged during the festival for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 36,113, Sir.

" (*b*) Eight Special Health Inspectors and two Health Assistants."

Issue of permits for alcoholic drinks in Tanjore district.

* 917 *Q.*—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons applied for the grant of permits for the purchase of alcoholic drinks during 1952–53 in Tanjore district; and

(*b*) how many permits were granted?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Five persons (three Indians and two non-Indians).

" (*b*) All were granted liquor permits."